Integrated Reactor Inspection Planning in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The best way to do the job is for each worker to keep track of what every other worker is doing. Let them work on putting the puzzle together in the sight of others, so that every time a piece of it is fitted in by one, all the others will immediately watch out for the next step that becomes possible in consequence. The group works "independently together" and through consensus, assembles the puzzle in the most efficient way.

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<u>Overview</u>

- NRC Mission, Responsibility, Organization
- Inspection and Oversight Program at Nuclear Power Plants
- Managing the NRC's Reactor Inspection Program
- Your Questions

NRC MISSION

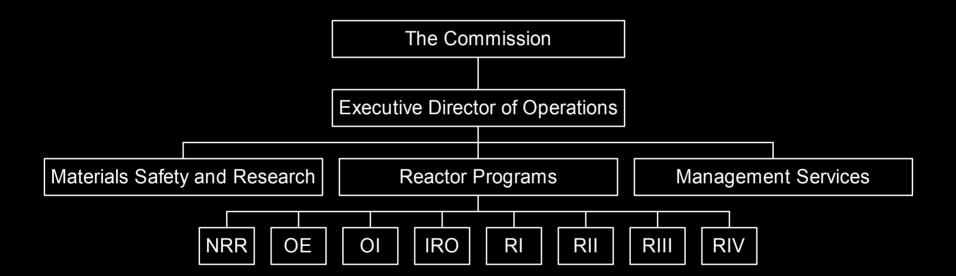
Regulate the civilian use of byproduct, source and special nuclear materials:

- to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety;
- to promote common defense and security;
- to protect the environment

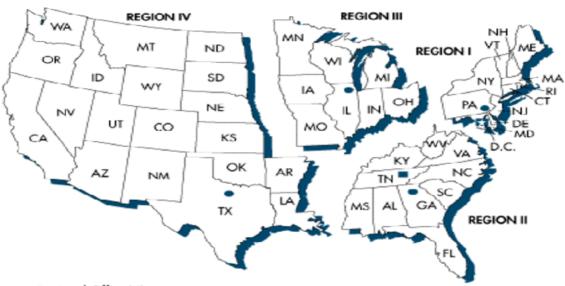
NRC's Responsibility

- Regulation of commercial nuclear power reactors
- Non-power research, test and training reactors
- Fuel cycle facilities
- Medical, academic and industrial uses of nuclear materials
- The transport, storage and disposal of nuclear materials and waste

NRC Organization Chart



NRC Regions



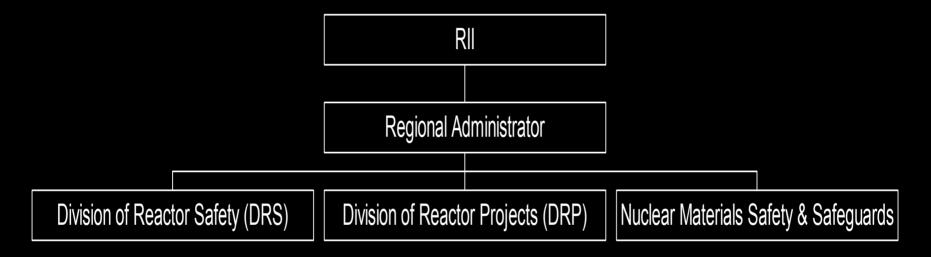
- Regional Office (4)
- Technical Training Center (1)
- Headquarters (1)

Note: Alaska and Hawaii are included in Region IV.

Source: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NRC Region II

Atlanta, Georgia



Executes established NRC policies and assigned programs relating to inspection, licensing, enforcement, investigation, governmental liaison, and emergency response within regional boundaries.

Division of Reactor Projects (DRP)

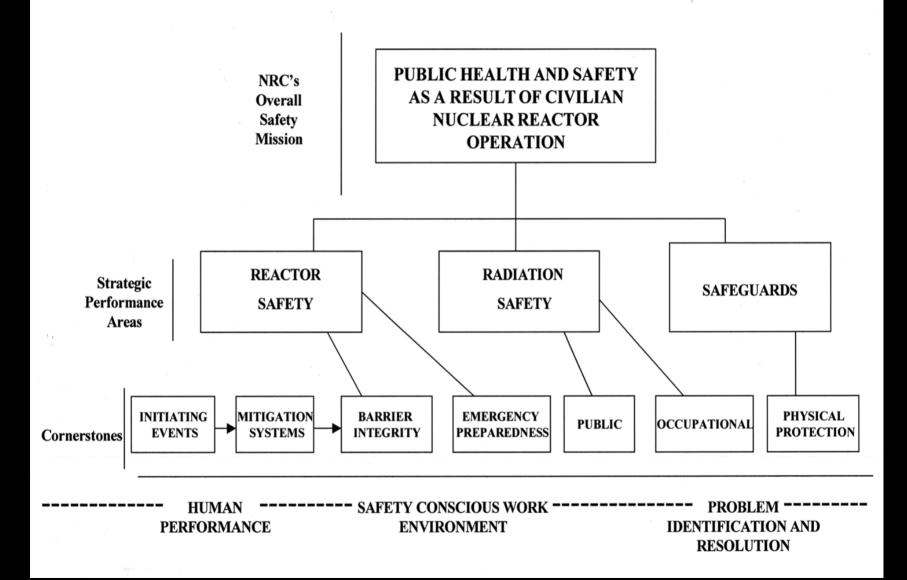
- ⇒ inspection of all reactors
 - Routine (i.e., baseline inspection program)
 - Supplemental
 - Reactive/Special Inspections
 - Enforcement
 - Assessment
 - Allegations

Division of Reactor Safety (DRS)

⇒ implements inspection and enforcement programs

- Engineering
- Maintenance
- OperatorRequalification
- Radiological Control
- EmergencyPreparedness
- Security

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Inspection and Oversight at Nuclear Power Plants

⇒ obtains objective evidence of plant safety; provides for an objective assessment of performance

INSPECTION

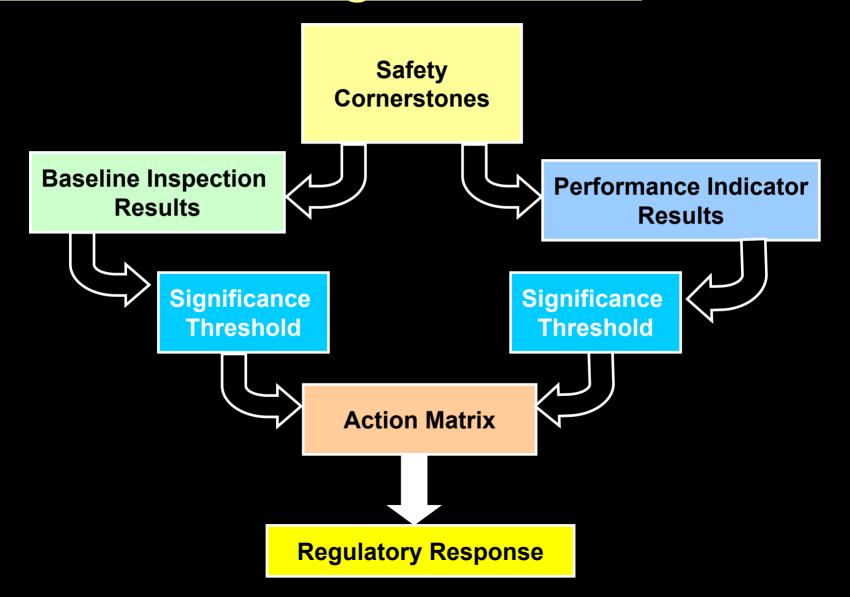
- Baseline Inspections

 Action Matrix
- Supplemental Inspections
- Performance Indicators
- **Emphasis on Safety** Significance Licensee Corrective Actions

ASSESSMENT

- Mid and End-of Cycle Assessment
- Assessment Letters

Reactor Oversight Process





Action Matrix

		Licensee Response Column	Regulatory Response Column	Degraded Cornerstone Column	Multiple Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column	Unacceptable Performance Column
Results		All assessment inputs (performance Indicators (PI) and inspection findings) Green; cornerstone objectives fully met	One or two White inputs (in different cornerstones) in a strategic performance area; Cornerstone objectives fully met	One degraded cornerstone (2 White inputs or 1 Yellow input) or any 3 White inputs in a strategic performance area; cornerstone objectives met with minimal reduction in safety margin	Repetitive degraded cornerstone, multiple degraded cornerstones, multiple Yellow inputs, or 1 Red input ¹ ; cornerstone objectives met with longstanding issues or significant reduction in safety margin	Overall unacceptable performance; plants not permitted to operate within this band, unacceptable margin to safety
Response	Regulatory Conference	Routine Senior Resident Inspector (SRI) interaction	Branch Chief (BC) or Division Director (DD) meet with Licensee	DD or Regional Administrator (RA) meet with Licensee	EDO (or Commission) meet with Senior Licensee Management	Commission meeting with Senior Licensee Management
	Licensee Action	Licensee Corrective Action	Licensee corrective action with NRC oversight	Licensee self assessment with NRC oversight	Licensee performance improvement plan with NRC oversight	
	NRC Inspection	Risk-informed baseline inspection program	Baseline and supplemental inspection 95001	Baseline and supplemental inspection 95002	Baseline and supplemental inspection 95003	
	Regulatory Actions	None	Document response to degrading area in assessment letter	Document response to degrading condition in assessment letter	10 CFR 2.204 DFI 10 CFR 50.54(f) letter CAL/Order	Order to modify, suspend, or revoke licensed activities
Communications	Assessment Report	BC or DD review / sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	DD review / sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	RA review / sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	RA review / sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan) Commission informed	
	Public Assessment Meeting	SRI or BC meet with Licensee	BC or DD meet with Licensee	RA discuss performance with Licensee	EDO (or Commission) discuss performance with Senior Licensee Management	Commission meeting with Senior Licensee Management

¹ It is expected in a few limited situations that an inspection finding of this significance will be identified that is not indicative of overall licensee performance. The staff will consider treating these inspection findings as exceptions for the purpose of determining appropriate actions.

Managing the NRC's Reactor Inspection Program

⇒ the primary objective is to coordinate and integrate all NRC activities at commercial reactor sites

- Baseline, Supplemental, Event Response and Generic Safety Issues
- Site Specific Inspection Plan
- Periodic Reviews

Developing the Inspection Plan

- ⇒ the plan for the upcoming cycle is developed, reviewed and approved before the end of the current cycle.
 - Develop Draft Plan/Input to RPS
 - Hold Assessment Meeting
 - Modify Schedule/Update RPS
 - Inform Licensee of 12-mos Inspection Plan

NRC Reactor Programs System (RPS)

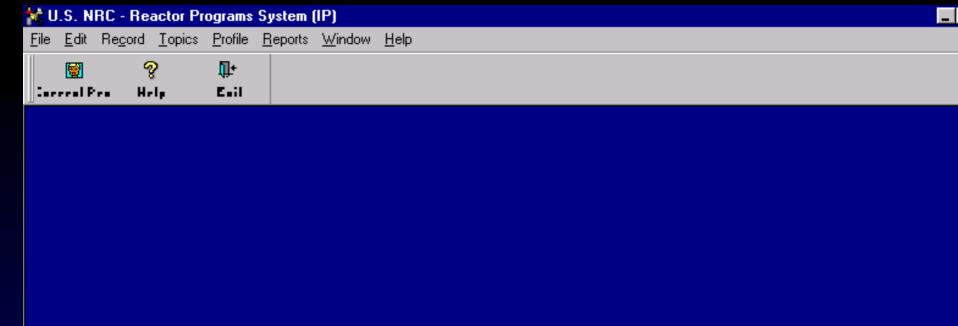
- ⇒ inspection program planning and tracking management system
 - Inspection Planning (IP)
 - Inspection Procedure Authority System (IPAS)
 - Inspection Reporting
 - Inspection Report Tracking System (IRTS)
 - Allegation Management System (AMS)
 - Enforcement Action Tracking System (EATS)
 - Report Review
 - Reports
 - Tables
 - Task Action Completion System (TACS)

NRC Reactor Programs System (RPS)

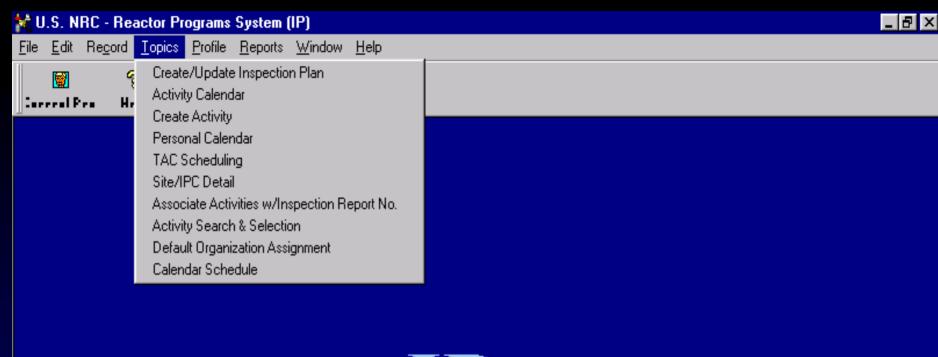
- Inspection Planning (IP)
 - schedule/track inspectors & inspections
 - monitor and update
 - record actual hours

NRC Reactor Programs System (continued)

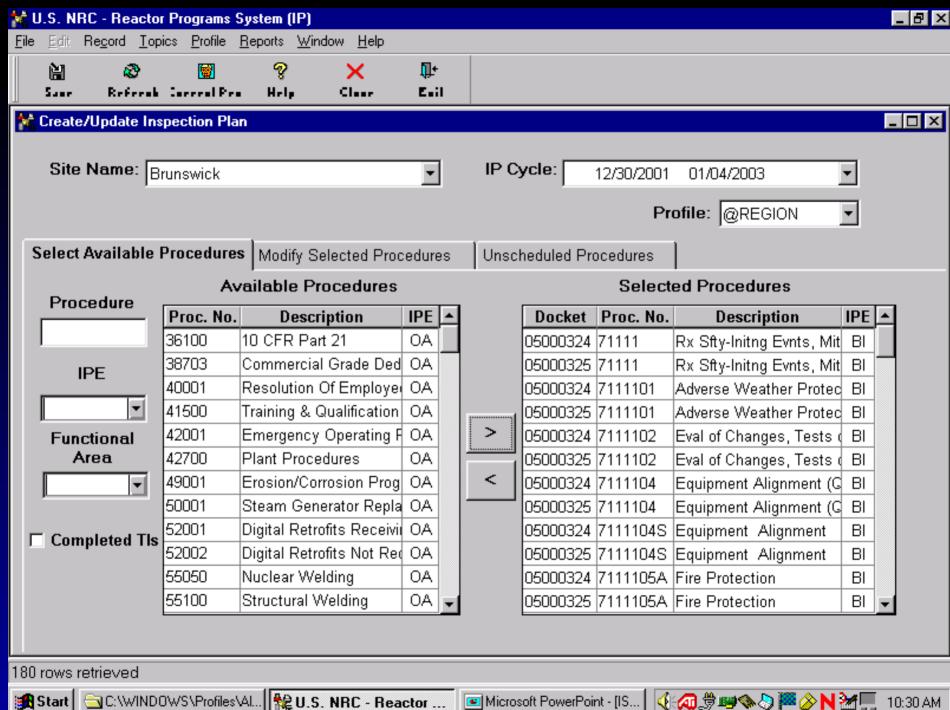
- Inspection Report Authority System (IPAS)-
 - process IP change notices
 - lists procedures; manual chapters
- Item Reporting (IR)
 - synopsis of inspection results
 - track and analyze inspection results
 - track and update inspection status

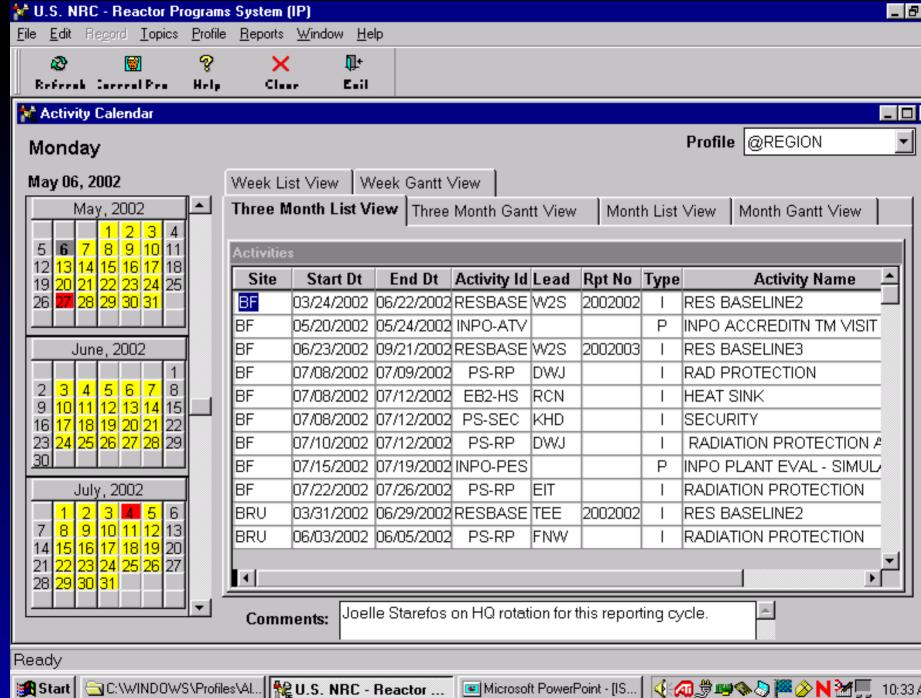


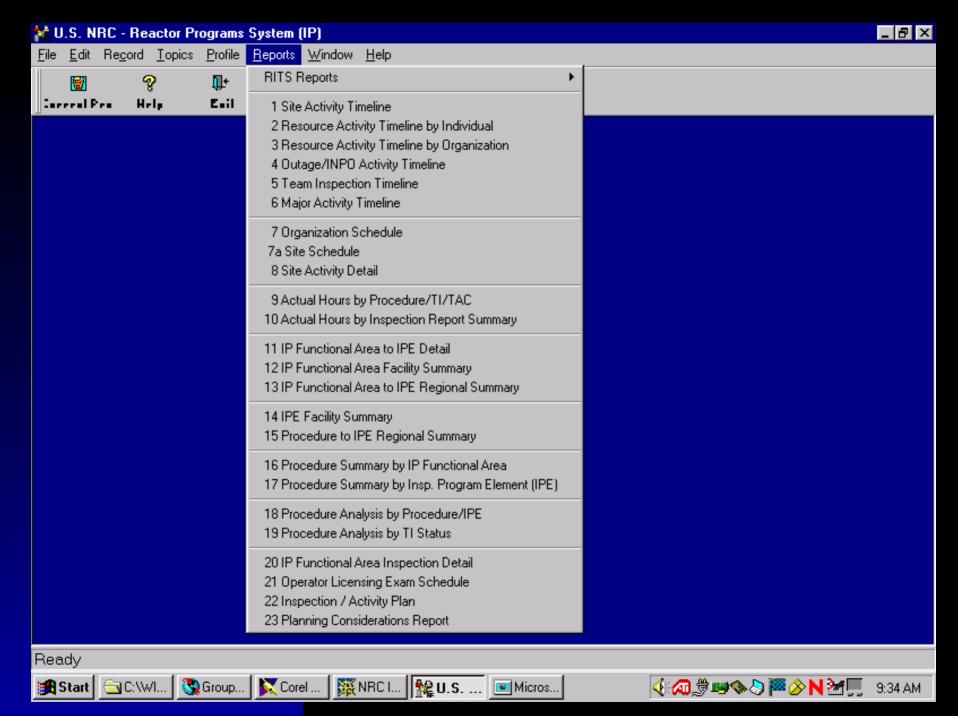


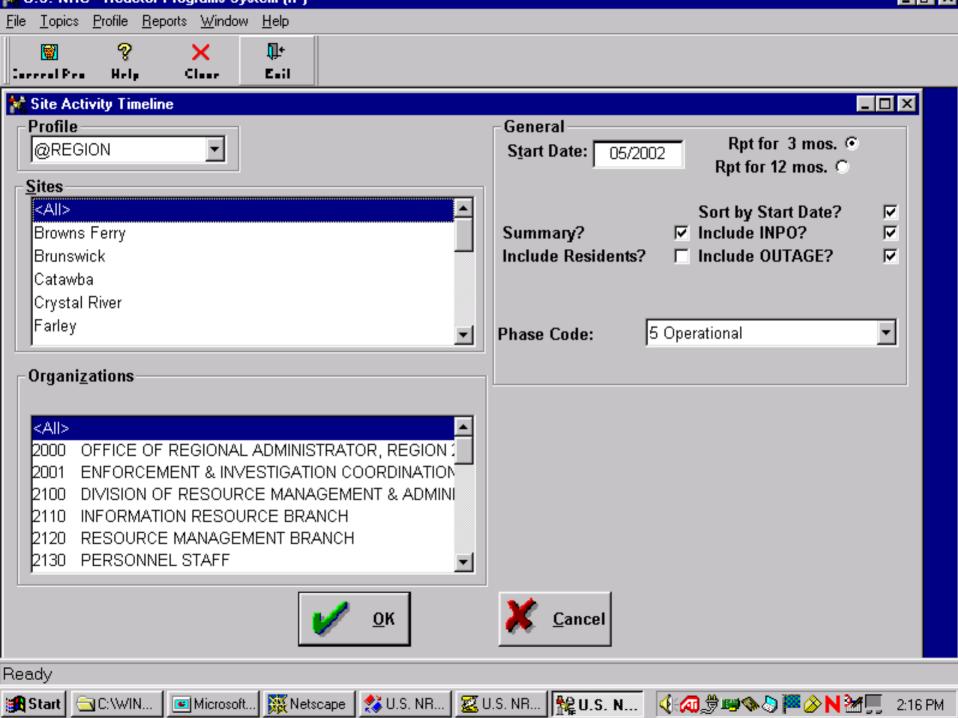


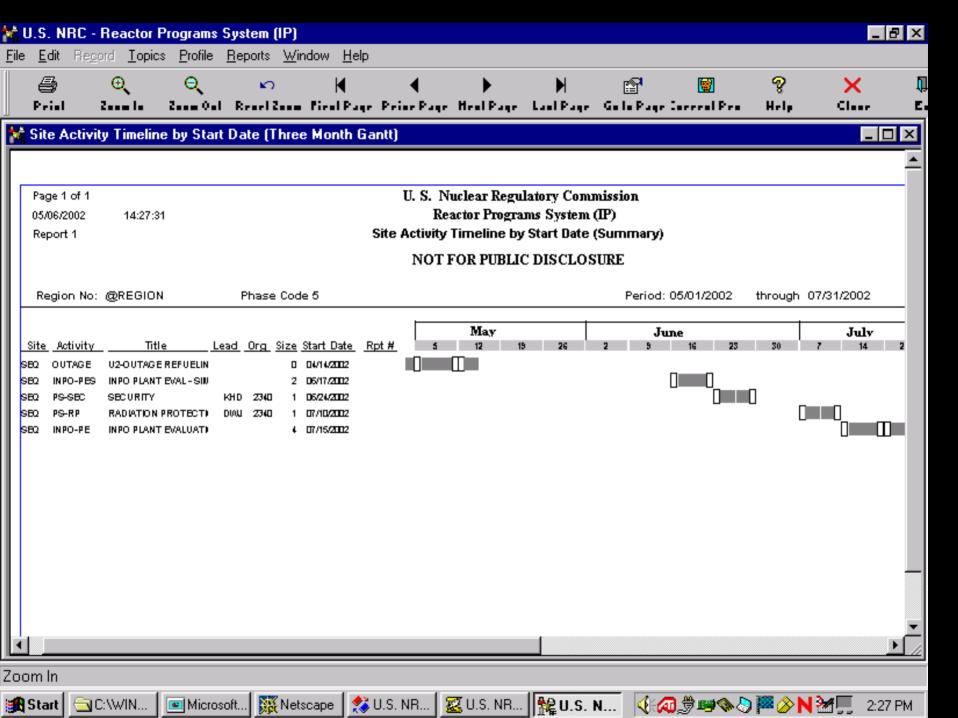


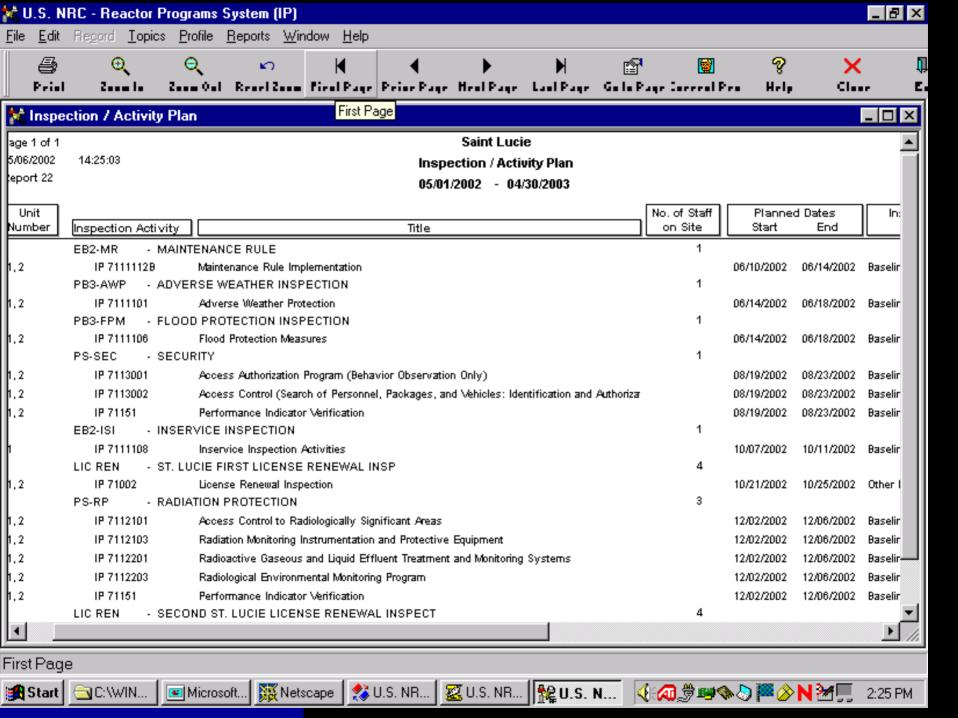


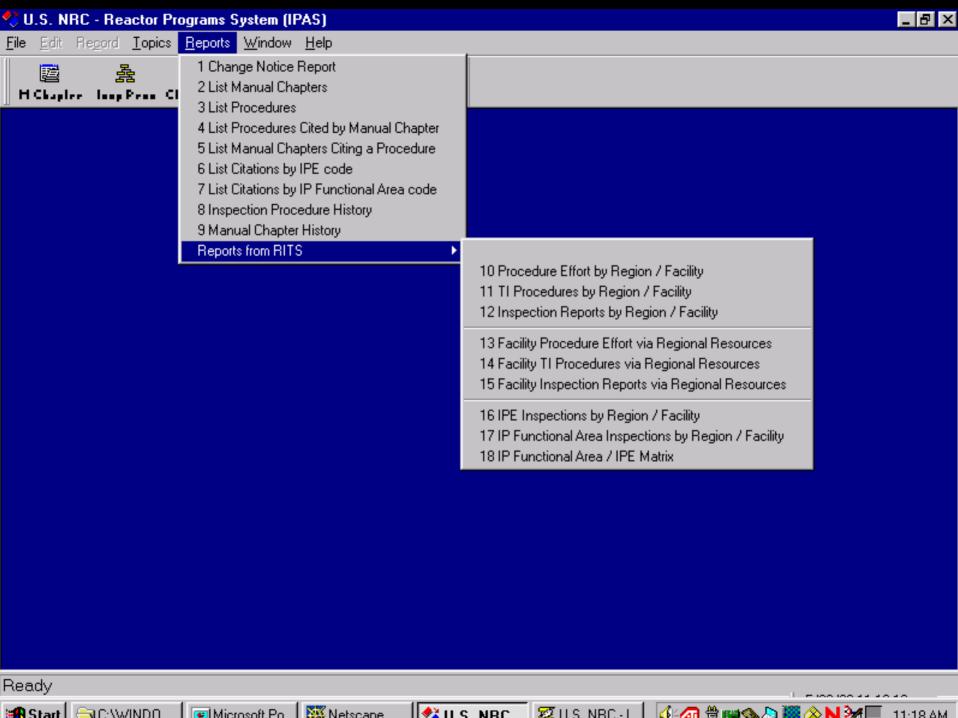


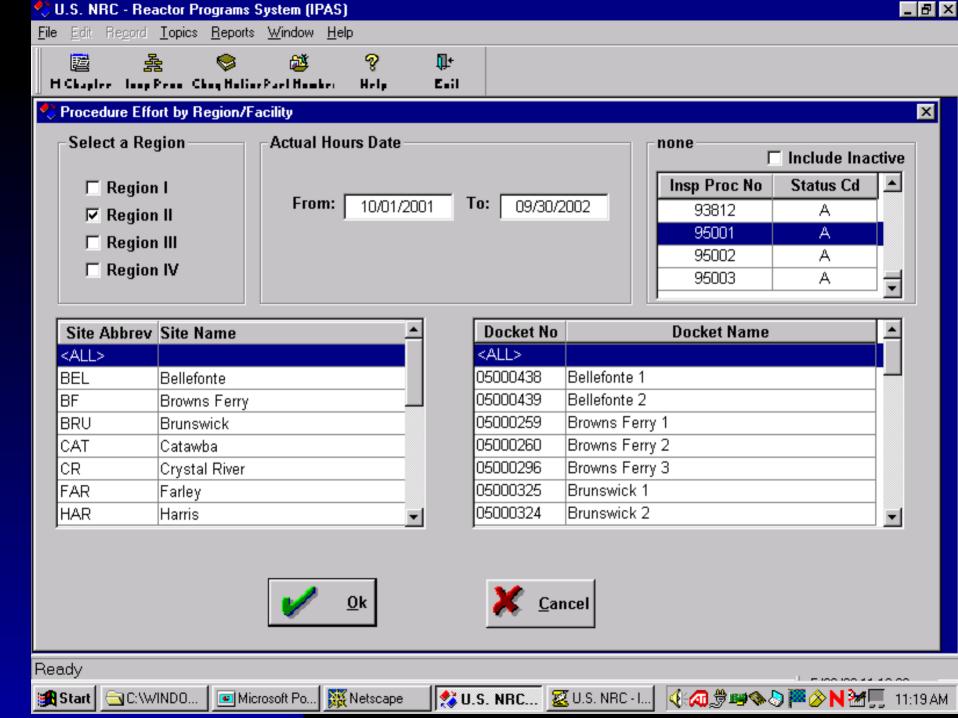


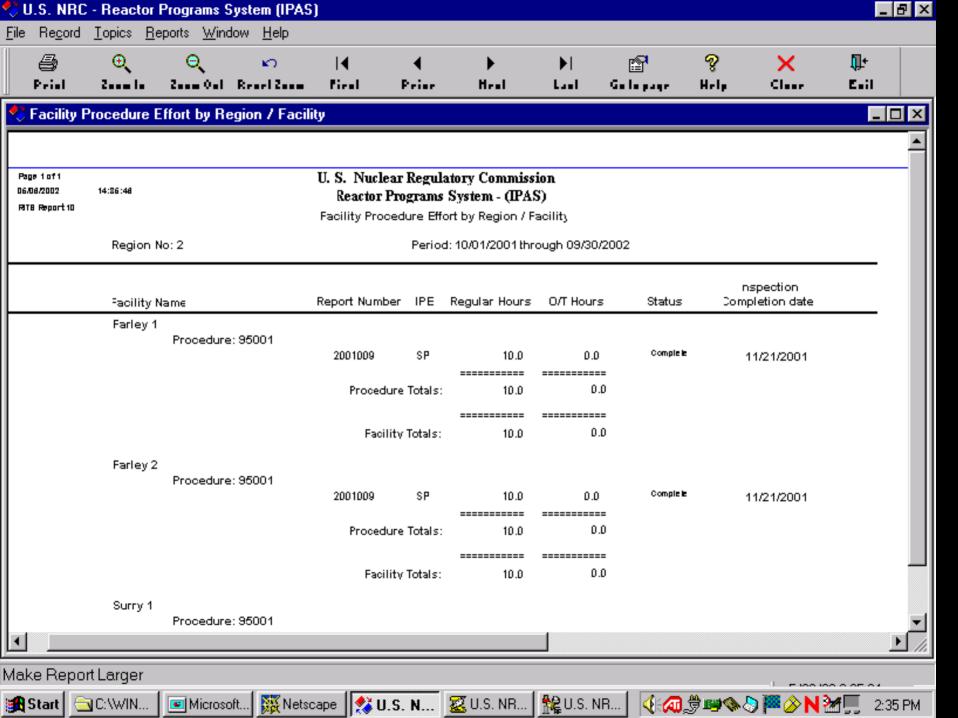










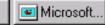




IR/Power





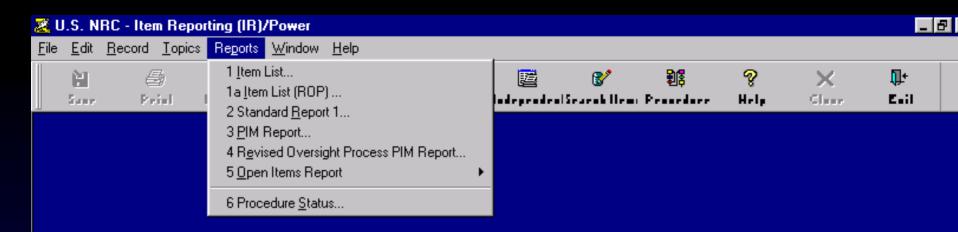












IR/Power





















